

School Psychology Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Maggie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about GVSU's Psychological Specialist in School Psychology program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The School Psychology program will prepare students to become practicing school psychologists through lecture, discussion, and fieldwork courses. The entire program is 68 credit hours and can be completed in 3 years as a full-time student.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts this profession will grow at a rate of 3.1 percent between 2019 and 2029. In addition, US News and World Report has consistently listed school psychologist among the best social services jobs.

Students in the Psychological Specialist in School Psychology program at GVSU complete a range of courses, practicum experiences, and a final, full-time internship in a school setting. For a complete listing of all courses and experiences please visit www.gvsu.edu/psychology/school-psychology-graduate-program-453.htm.

This program trains students to be leaders and innovators in the field of education. Faculty work closely with students to develop skills in assessment, intervention, and consultation. Students are also automatically enrolled in the graduate certificate in applied behavior analysis.

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

In addition, you must submit a personal statement, resume and three letters of recommendation. It is recommended, but not required, to submit scores from the general test of the Graduate Records Examination (the GRE). Qualified applicants are invited to attend an on-campus interview. This program admits students once per year, with a January 15 application deadline.

More program details as well as the online application can be found on the School Psychology website, www.gvsu.edu/acad/school-psychology-ms-psys.htm.

The great news about GVSU's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Science in School Psychology graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Kristen Schrauben, at schrakri@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.